



Land Ports : Gateway to India

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I. Message from the Chairman



Shri Aditya Mishra
Chairman

It is with great pleasure and pride that I address you through our biannual magazine, marking the midpoint of our financial year 2023-24. This moment provides us with an opportunity to reflect on our contribution towards facilitating trade and passengers. I am immensely proud to share with you the significant milestones achieved, particularly with the successful operationalization of new Land port at Dawki and inauguration of Land port at Rupaidiha.

These milestones represent our unwavering commitment of creating state of the art facilities at land borders for trade and passenger facilitation. In addition, we envisage to operationalise Sabroom Land port and New Passenger Terminal Building at Petrapole Land port in the second half of the financial year.

Land ports represent not just physical infrastructure but are enablers for economic growth, social development, and bilateral relations. They play a pivotal role in boosting trade, creating jobs, enhancing connectivity, and fostering regional cooperation. I want to acknowledge and commend relentless efforts of the stakeholders who have made this possible.

In August'23, India-Bangladesh has agreed on four new transit routes passing through our land ports at Dawki, Sutarkandi, Agartala and Srimantapur. These transit routes provide connectivity to our North-East States through Chittagong and Mongla Port in Bangladesh. To facilitate trade on these transit routes, our land ports are equipped with state of art infrastructure for handling, storage and inspection of cargo. We look forward to participation from trade community to harvest benefits provided by adoption of these transit routes. We are closely working closely with our Bangladesh counterpart for operationalization of the four transit routes through Dawki, Sutarkandi, Agartala and Srimantapur.



II. Synopsis of LPAI

- ❖ Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI) is established as a statutory body under the Land Ports Authority of India Act, 2010, under the administrative control of the Department of Border Management within the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).
- ❖ Section 11 of the LPAI Act empowers this authority to develop, maintain, and manage facilities for the cross-border movement of passengers and goods at designated points along India's international borders.
- ❖ Land ports function as integrated system facilitating passenger and trade by bringing concerned stakeholders under one roof. The stakeholders present at land ports are customs, immigration, the health department, FSSAI, border guarding forces, plant and animal quarantine authorities among others.

Table 1: Operational Land ports under LPAI

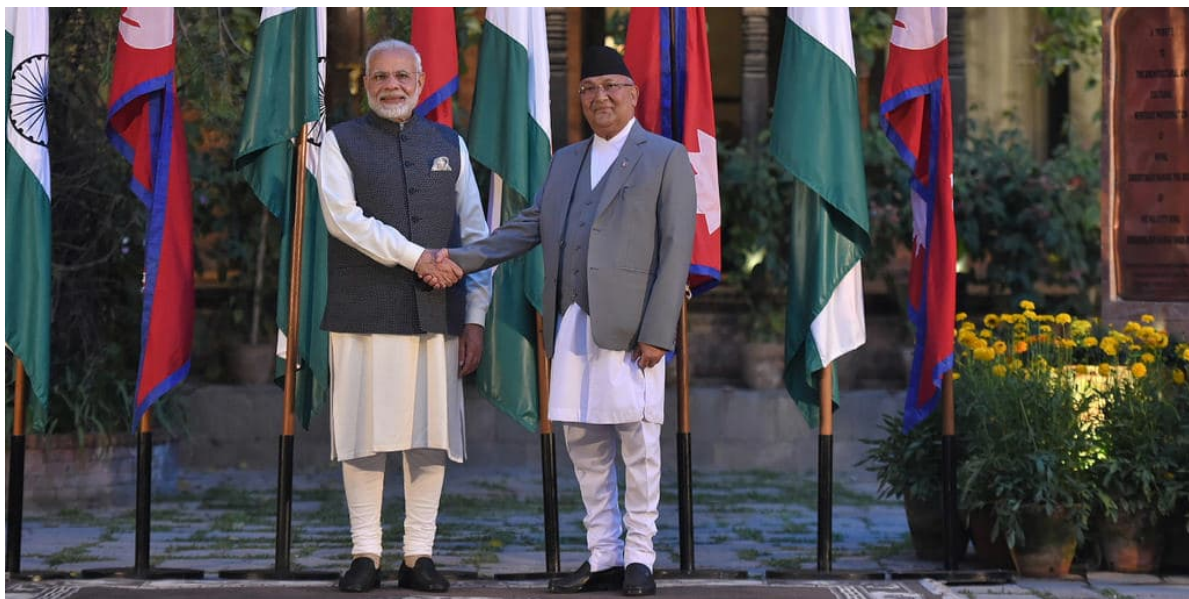
| Sno. | Land Port | State | Bordering country | Date of Inauguration/ Operation |
|------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | Attari | Punjab | Pakistan | 13-04-2012 |
| 2 | Agartala | Tripura | Bangladesh | 17-11-2013 |
| 3 | Petrapole | West Bengal | Bangladesh | 12-02-2016 |
| 7 | Raxaul | Bihar | Nepal | 03-06-2016 |
| 4 | Jogbani | Bihar | Nepal | 15-11-2016 |
| 5 | Moreh | Manipur | Myanmar | 04-01-2019 |
| 9 | Sutarkandi | Assam | Bangladesh | 07-09-2019 |
| 3 | Dera Baba Nanak | Punjab | Pakistan | 09-11-2019 |
| 8 | Srimantapur | Tripura | Bangladesh | 05-09-2020 |
| 10 | Dawki | Meghalaya | Bangladesh | 01-05-2023 |
| 11 | Rupaidiha | Uttar Pradesh | Nepal | 05-06-2023 |

OUR STAKEHOLDERS

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Customs | Bureau of Immigration | Border Guarding Force | Animal/ Plant Quarantine | FSSAI | Land Border Health Unit |
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III. Our Significant Events



Shri P.K. Dahal, Hon'ble Prime Minister of Nepal, and Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India jointly inaugurated the Rupaidiha Land port and conducted Bhumi Pujan of Sunauli land port in June'23.



Hon'ble Home Minister Shri Amit Shah laid the foundation for "Matri Dwar" at Petrapole Land Port in May'23.



Hon'ble Minister of State for Home Affairs Shri Nityanand Rai inaugurated Dawki Land Port in May'23.



Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, the Hon'ble Finance Minister, visited Srimantapur Land Port in July'23.



Cultural program celebrating Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav at Petrapole in Aug'23.



VI. EXIM trade: India – Nepal

India serves as Nepal's largest export market and ranks among the primary sources of its imports. Additionally, India plays a crucial role in facilitating Nepal's third country trade by providing transit facilities through its territory to Indian seaports.

During the period from April'23 to September'23, trade with Nepal through our land ports(Raxaul, Jogbani and Rupaidiha) reached INR 21,113 crores.

The provided chart below delineates the major export commodities to Nepal.

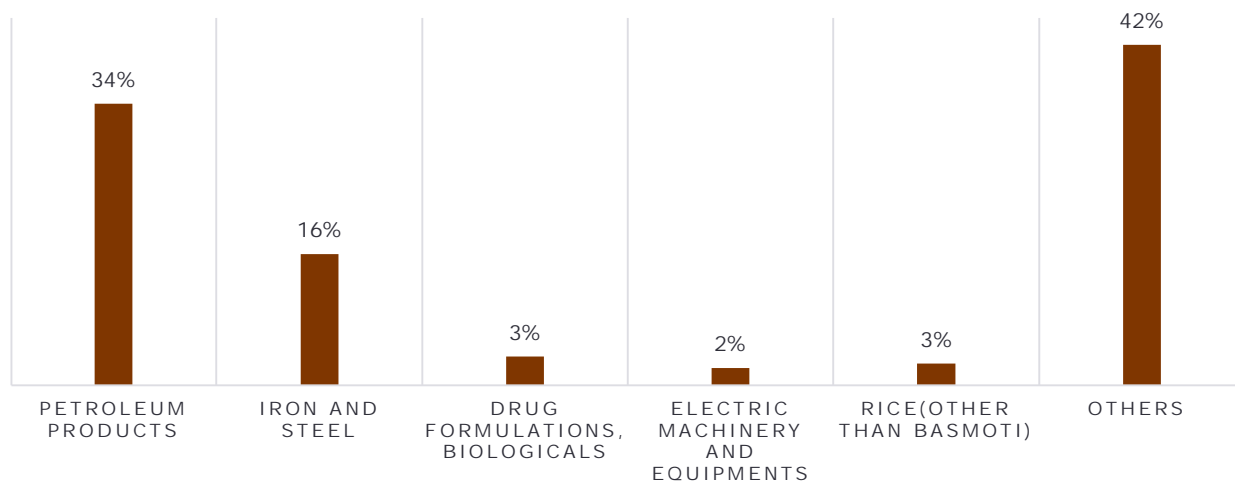


Figure 1: Major commodities exported to Nepal in the first half of FY 2023-24 via Land Ports (% of total export value of INR 19,358 crores)

The chart below shows the major import commodities from Nepal

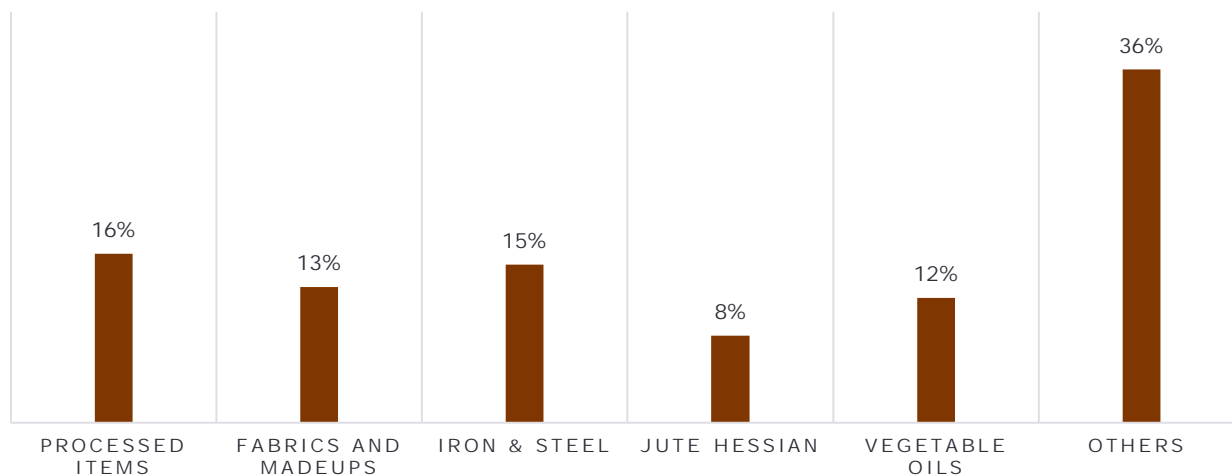


Figure 2: Major commodities imported from Nepal in the first half of FY 2023-24 via Land Ports (% of total import value of INR 1,755 crores)



V. EXIM trade: India – Bangladesh

The trade relationship between India and Bangladesh reflects the strong bilateral relations between the two countries. Both countries continue to work collaboratively to further enhance trade facilitation measures, streamline customs procedures, and promote economic cooperation for the benefit of their respective economies and the region.

The period in the first half of FY 2023-24, saw a bilateral trade through our land ports (Petrapole, Dawki, Sutarkandi, Agartala and Srimantapur) of INR 14,619 Crores.

The major commodities exported to Bangladesh via land ports are shown below.

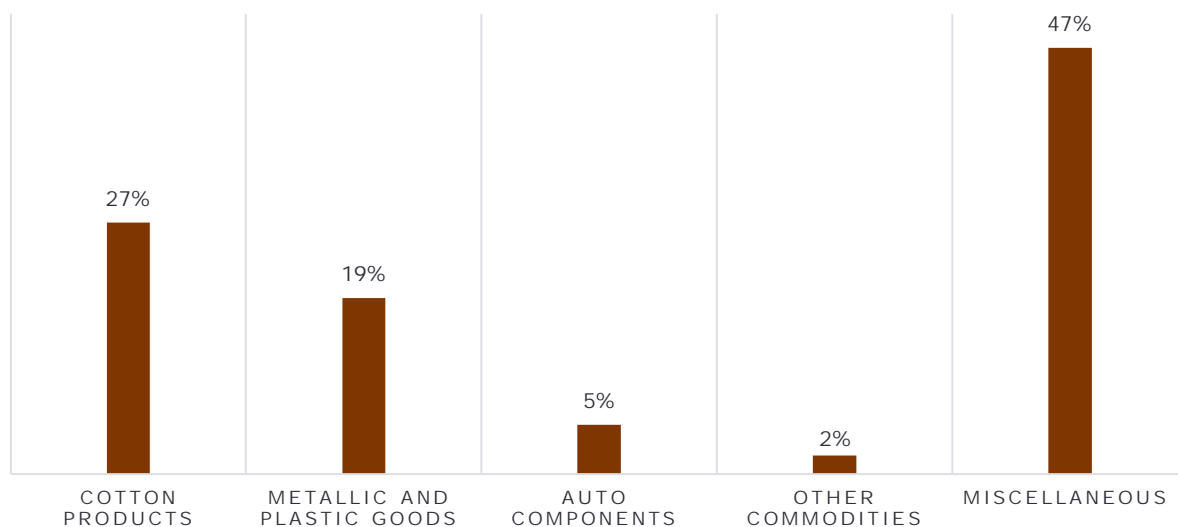


Figure 3: Major commodities exported to Bangladesh in the first half of FY 2023-24 via Land Ports (% of total export value of INR 10,699 crores)

The chart below illustrates major commodities imported from Bangladesh via land ports.

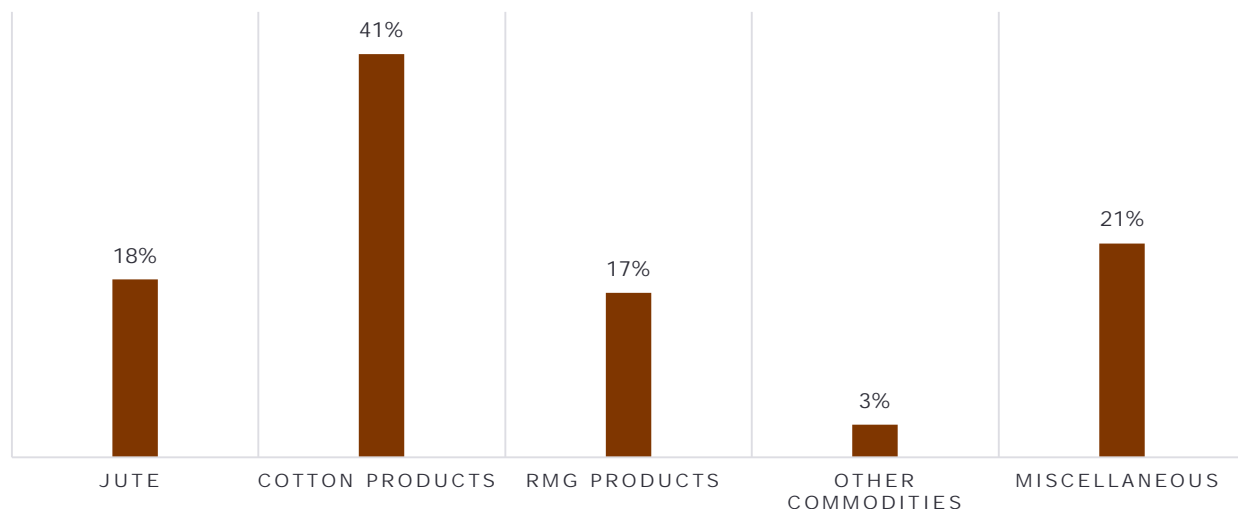


Figure 4: Major commodities imported from Bangladesh in the first half of FY 2023-24 via Land Ports (% of total import value of INR 3,920 crores)



IV. Cargo and passenger movement through the land ports

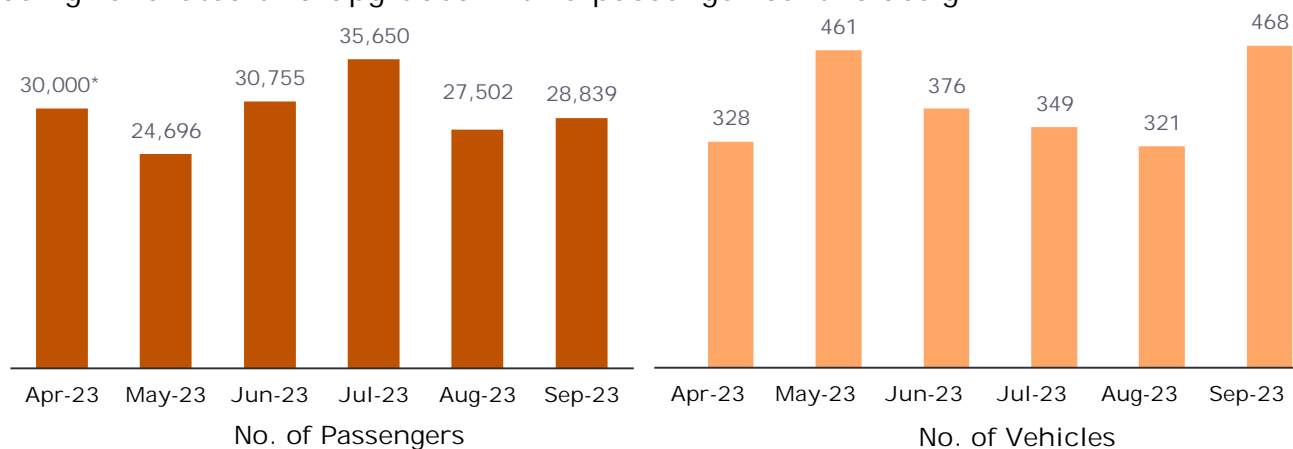




A. Agartala Land Port



Agartala Land Port is strategically positioned at the Agartala-Akhaura border and is spread over 27 acres with state-of-the-art infrastructure. The land port facilitates the EXIM of diverse goods and enhances trade further. Non-intrusive methods of inspection are being deployed such as drive-through Radiation Detection Equipment. Additionally, to enhance passenger experience land port is being renovated and upgraded with a passenger-centric design.

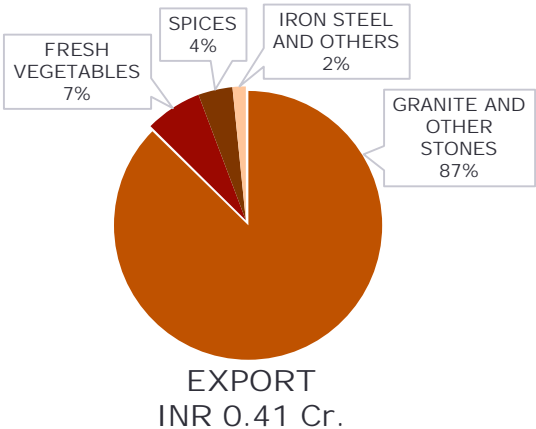
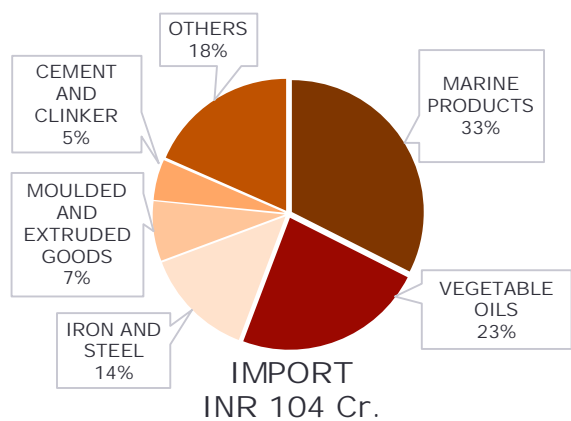


*Approx number since data was not available

Figure 5: Passengers and vehicle movement through Agartala Land Port

Approximately 1.77 Lakhs of passengers and 2,300 vehicles crossed border via Agartala land port in the first half of FY 2023-24 . Whereas for same period in previous year approximately 1.38 lakhs passenger and 4,267 vehicles were facilitated.

The pie charts show that marine products are the largest import at 33%, followed by vegetable oils and iron and steel. For exports, granite and natural stones dominate at 87%, with fresh vegetables, spices, and iron and steel making up the remainder. The import chart displays a more balanced mix, while the export chart is heavily skewed towards stone products.



Key Events at Land Port



Agartala Land Port witnessed Vigilance Awareness week by taking the Integrity Pledge in September'23.



Raksha Bandhan Celebration took place at Agartala Land Port in August'23.



Chairman LPAI, Director (Ops), and Director (Projects) visited Agartala Land Port in April'23.



Shri Ajay Kumar Mishra, Hon'ble Union Minister of State, MHA visited Land Port Agartala in August'23.



B. Attari Land Port



Attari Land Port is spread over 120 acres with direct access to the National Highway. The facility offers a substantial parking capacity to accommodate over 300 vehicles and a warehouse capacity of 61,879 Cubic metre to enhance overall capabilities for seamless cargo handling and storage. The land port houses stakeholders under a single roof for seamless facilitation of trade and passengers. The stakeholders at land ports include Custom, Immigration, Border Guarding Force, and other authorities' representatives. As a step towards making land ports carbon neutral, an on-grid solar system of 1.3 MW has been commissioned.

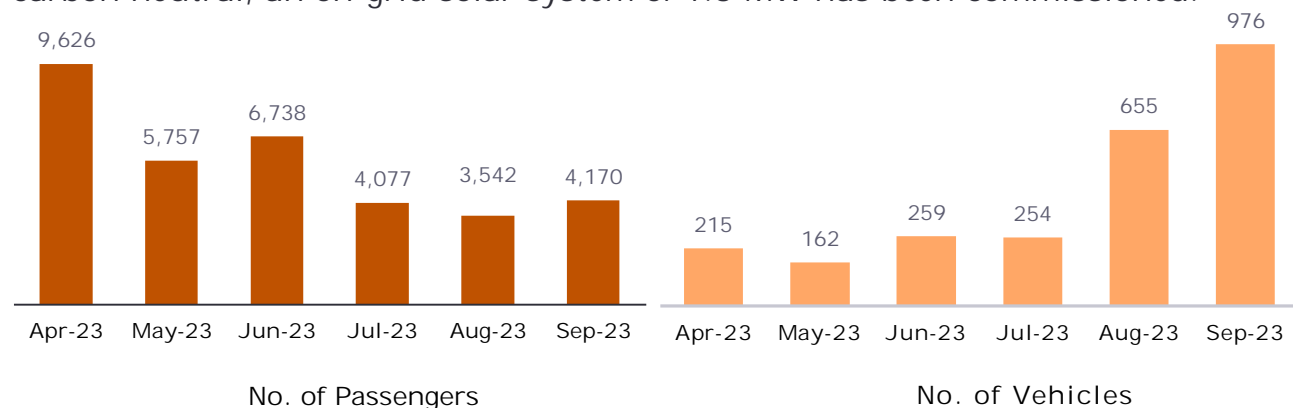
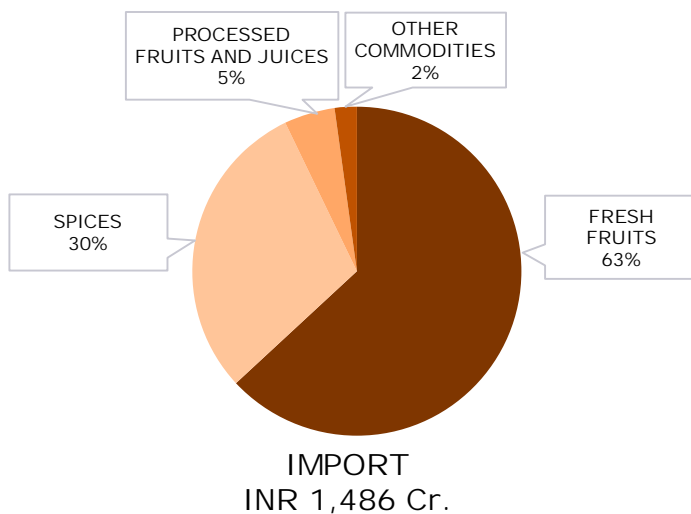


Figure 6: Passengers and vehicle movement through Attari Land Port

Approximately 34,000 passengers and 2,521 vehicles crossed border via Attari Land Port. In previous year for same period approximately 24,147 passenger and 1,800 vehicles were facilitated.

The pie chart below outlines the major commodities imported through the Attari land port, with no exports . It lists Fresh Fruits as the predominant import at 62%, Spices at 30%, and Processed fruits and juices at 5%



Key Events at land port



Sh Satender Vikram Singh, Chief Commissioner Delhi Customs visited Attari Land Port in August'23.



Arrival of passengers in newly renovated Arrival terminal at Attari land port in April'23.



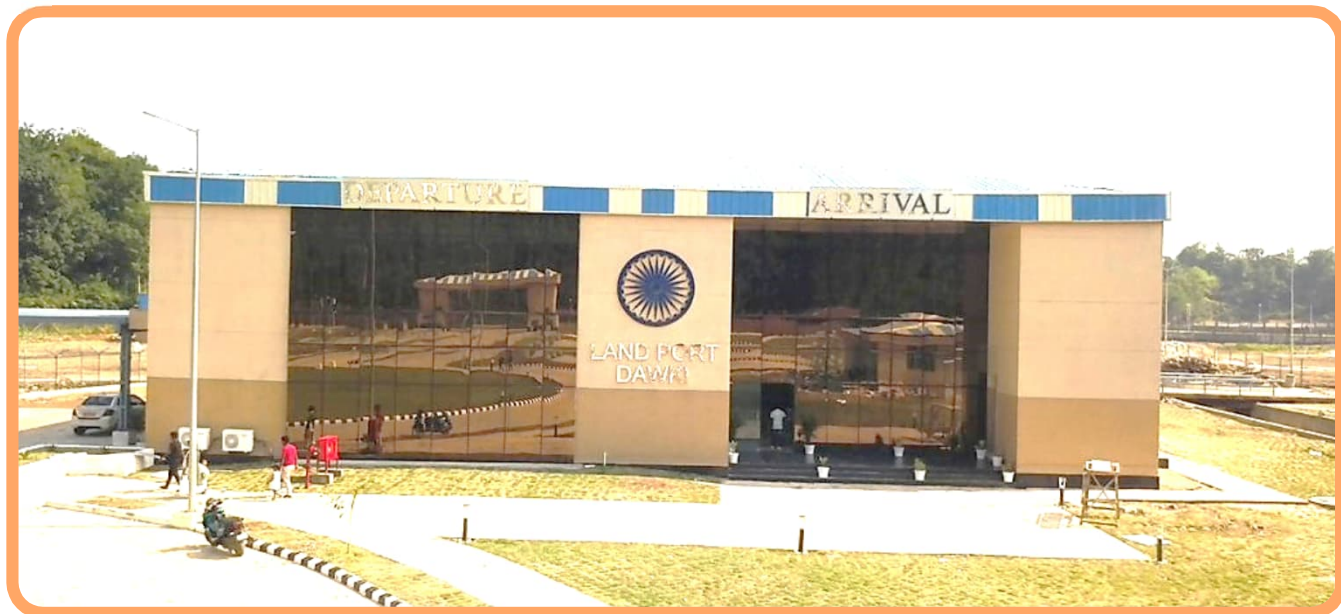
Shri Nitin Aggarwal, DG (BSF) visited Attari Land Port in June'23.



Attari Land Port hosted a bike rally on the 75th Independence day in August'23.



B. Dawki Land Port



Dawki Land Port is situated in the picturesque West Jaintia Hills region of the state of Meghalaya. As the first land port in the state along the international border between India and Bangladesh. Dawki enjoys seamless connectivity with Shillong 84 Km away with all-weather road, making it an ideal entry point for tourists from Bangladesh.

Spanning across a total expanse of 23 acres, Dawki Land Port is equipped with state of art infrastructure to facilitate cargo and passenger movement. The strategic location and robust infrastructure would further enhance the accessibility of Meghalaya's scenic wonders, welcoming tourists to discover the natural beauty and cultural richness of the region.

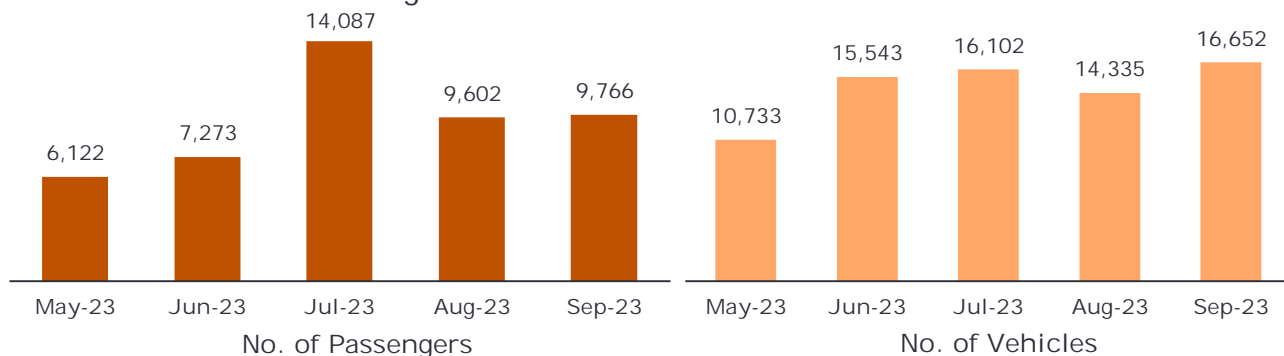


Figure 7: Passengers and Vehicle movement through Dawki Land Port

Approximately 46,000 passengers and 73,000 vehicles crossed border via Dawki Land Port in the first half of FY 2023-24 since the operationalisation of the Land Port in May'23. The total trade of INR 65.53 Cr was recorded at Land Port in the first half of FY 2023-24, of which 94% was contributed by the export from India.

In the context of trade at Dawki Land Port , the primary commodities of import are items made of plastic and glass. On the export front, the major commodities are limestone and boulder stone.

The operationalization of land port shall support mining/ quarrying industry to improve trade. This would result in positive impact on state GDP and employment in the North-Eastern region of India.

To meet the cargo and passenger traffic demand, requisite infrastructure facilities have been provided at the Port. These include inter-alia Passenger Terminal Building, Cargo Terminal Building, Warehouse, Toilet Blocks for Export Drivers, Canteen with Washrooms, Entrance/Exit Gate for Passengers and Cargo Vehicles, Electric Sub-station, Rummaging Shed, Pump House, Sewage Treatment Plan and Underground Water Tank.

Key Events at land port



Inauguration of Dawki Land Port in May'23.



Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya ,Shri Phagu Chauhan, visited Dawki Land Port in May'23.



Meeting with UNESCAP and World Bank at Dawki Land Port in July'23.



High Commissioner of Bangladesh visited Dawki Land Port in May'23.



D. Dera Baba Nanak Land Port



The Passenger Terminal Building (PTB) at Dera Baba Nanak (DBN) Land Port holds a place of great significance within the Sikh community. It serves as a crucial gateway for pilgrims embarking on their journey to the revered Kartarpur Sahib Gurudwara in Pakistan. It is not only a gateway but also a welcoming hub for pilgrims and tourists.

The land port facility is spread over 15 acres and equipped with all necessary amenities & facilities such as childcare, payer room, medical, parking, banking, toilets etc. The land port facility is a vibrant socio-cultural centre. This would not only enrich the experience of the visitor but also serve as a meeting point for people from diverse backgrounds and cultures.

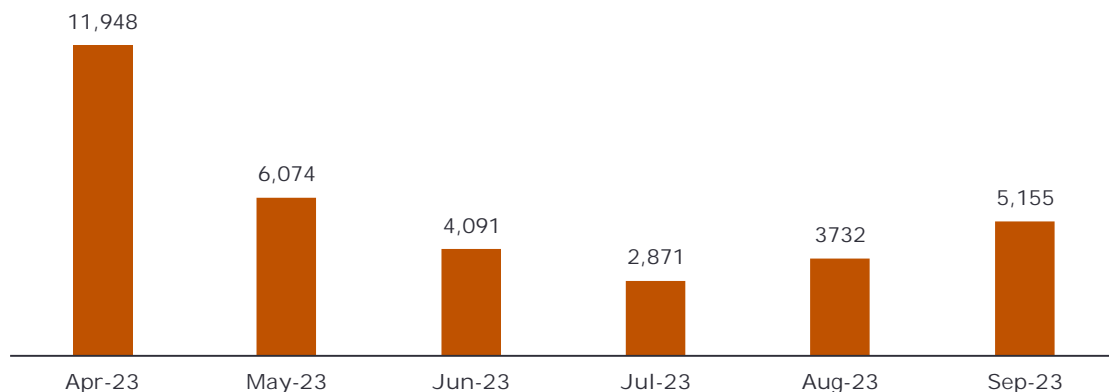


Figure 8: Pilgrim movement through Dera Baba Nanak land port

Approximately 33,000 passengers crossed border via Dera Baba Nanak Land Port in the the first half of FY 2023-24.



Land port DBN proudly offers world class facilities to the passengers.

Key Events at Land Port



Sh. Banwari Lal Purohit, Governor Punjab visited Dera Baba Nanak Land Port in June'23.



Jai Kirshan Rouri (Deputy Speaker, Punjab Assembly) visited Dera Baba Nanak Land Port in August'23.



Vishwakarma Puja celebrated at land port Dera Baba Nanak in September'23.



Baisakhi celebration at Dera Baba Nanak Land Port in April'23.



E. Jogbani Land Port



Jogbani Land Port is spread over 186 acres with a substantial parking capacity to accommodate over 250 vehicles and has a warehouse capacity of 1,150 Cubic metre to enhance overall capabilities for seamless cargo handling and storage. The land port is well-equipped with facilities such as a Porter/driver rest area, Weighbridges and CCTV Surveillance. Additionally, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah inaugurated the newly constructed residential premises which was built at a cost of Rs 27 crore . Further, to reduce EXIM dwell time non-intrusive methods of inspection are being deployed such as drive-through Radiation Detection Equipment, under-vehicle scanning system.

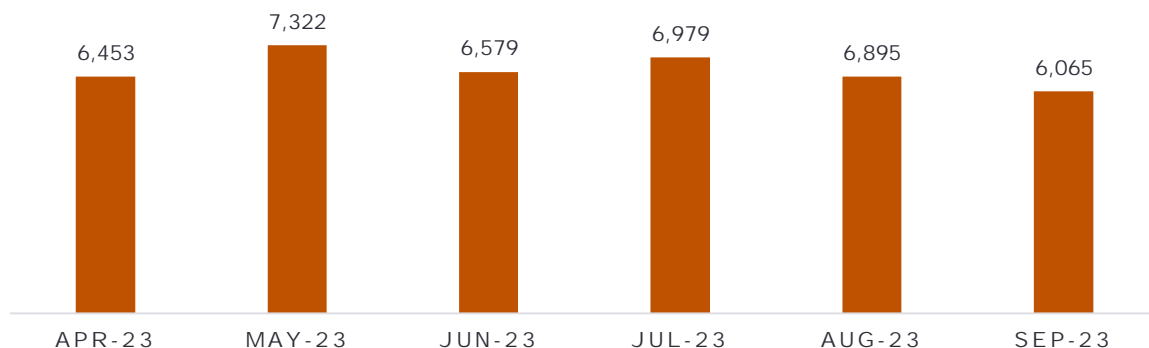
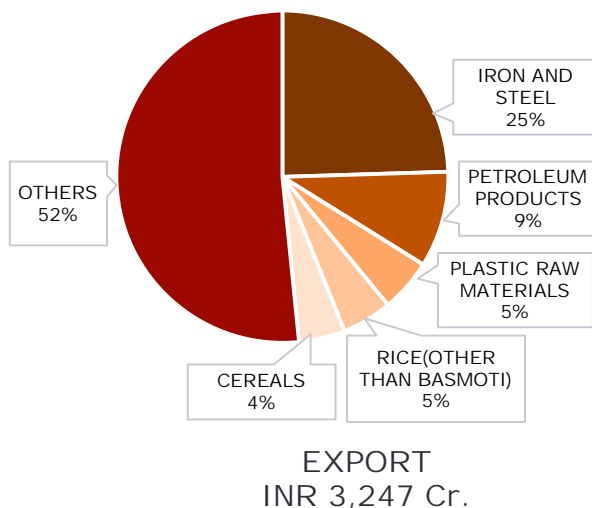
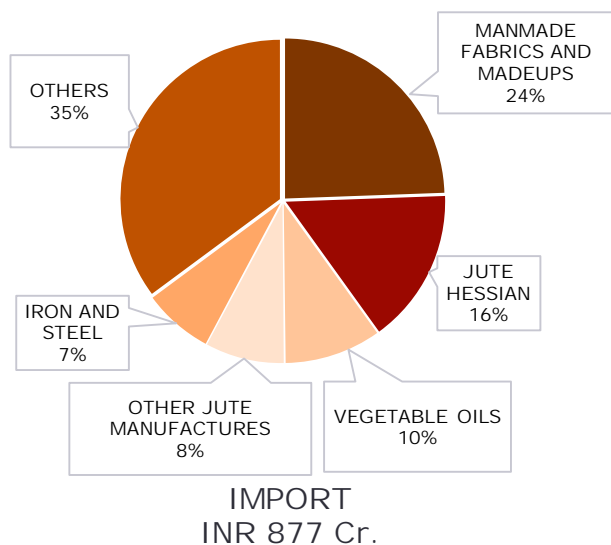


Figure 9: Vehicle movement through Jogbani Land Port

Approximately 40,000 vehicles crossed the border via Jogbani during Apr' 23-Sep'23 against 10,549 vehicles in same period of 2022-23.

The pie charts highlight that man-made yarns and fabrics are the largest imports at 24%, followed by jute hessian and vegetable oils. In exports, iron and steel leads at 25%, with petroleum products close behind. While imports show a varied mix, exports are concentrated on few-categories.



Key Events at land port



Hon'ble Home Minister Shri Amit Shah getting brief of new development at Jogbani Land Port in September'23.



Secretary Sh. Vivek Verma & Advisor Bhanu Pratap Singh from LPAI HQ visited Land Port Jogbani in August'23.



Celebrated the 77th Independence Day at Land Port Jogbani in August'23.



Hon'ble Home Minister Shri Amit Shah inaugurated BGF accommodation at Jogbani in September'23.



F. Moreh Land Port



Moreh Land Port is positioned 110 km from Imphal and serves as a crucial gateway to the East. Operating through the Moreh-Tamu border point, it stands as the sole land port for trade between India, Myanmar, and other Southeast Asian countries. Situated on the proposed India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Highway, the port spans 45.58 acres with all trade and passenger facilitating facilities for stakeholders such as Customs, Immigration, Border Guarding Force and the Port Health Department. There was no formal trade with Myanmar through Moreh Land Port in the first half of FY 2023-24. Further, to augment trade-facilitating infrastructure non-intrusive methods of inspection are being adapted such as drive through Radiation Detection Equipment, under-vehicle scanning system.

Key Events at land port



Smt. Nemcha Kipgen, Manipur's Minister of Textiles, Commerce, & Industry visited Moreh land port in May'23.



Thai delegation paid a visit to land port Moreh to explore opportunity for trade enhancement via Moreh in September'23.



G. Petrapole Land Port



The Petrapole land port spans across an expansive 100-acre area, holding significant importance in both trade and passenger movements. It boasts a dedicated parking facility covering 1.2 lakh square meters, capable of accommodating approximately 1500 trucks. Further, Petrapole features four warehouses, collectively offering a substantial storage capacity exceeding 12,800 metric tons. In a bid to enhance trade efficiency development of a second cargo gate is underway along with non-intrusive inspection equipment such as radiation detection equipment under Vehicle Scanning System. To facilitate the seamless movement of passengers, a new terminal building is currently under construction. This state-of-the-art facility is designed to facilitate over 10,000 people per day, further elevating the operational capacity of Petrapole land port.

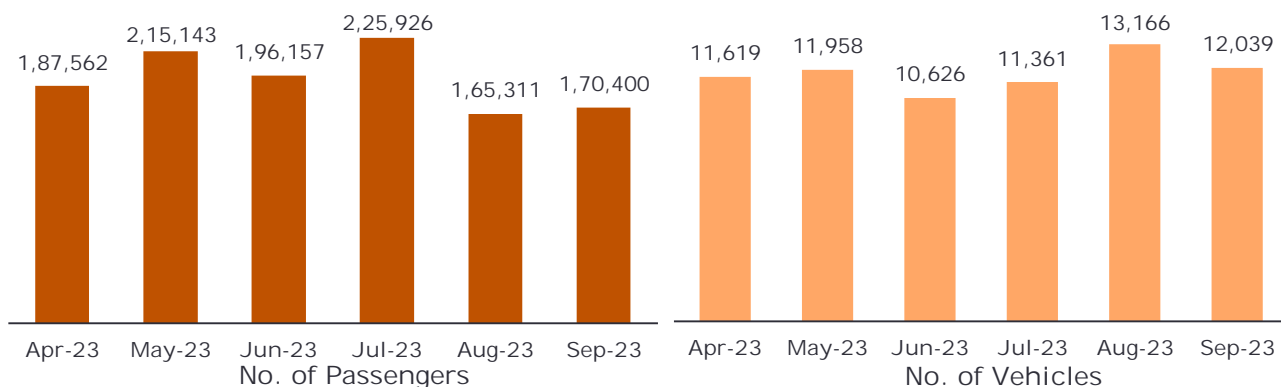
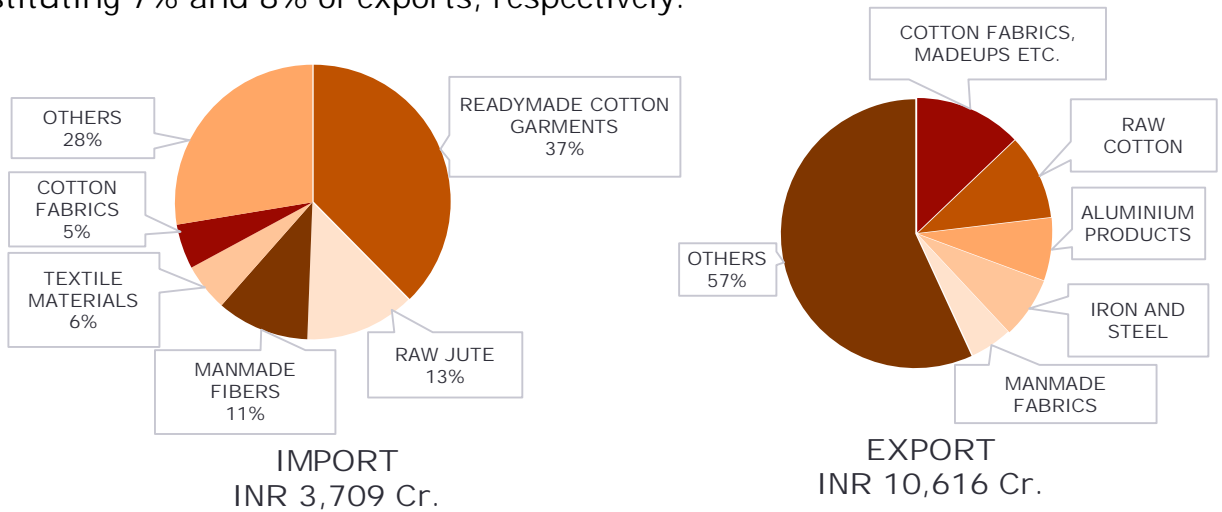


Figure 10: Passengers and vehicle movement through Petrapole Land Port

Approximately 70,000 vehicles and 12 Lakh passengers crossed the border via Petrapole Land port in the first half of FY 2023-24.

Among import items , ready-made garments of cotton including accessories form the majority at 37%, while raw jute and man-made fibres follow at 13% and 11% respectively. For exports, cotton fabrics, made-ups, etc., take the lead at 13%, with significant shares also in iron and steel, and aluminium products constituting 7% and 8% of exports, respectively.



Key Events at land port



Sh. Nitin Agrawal IPS, DG visited Land Port Petrapole in July'23.



Ms. Sonali Mishra, IPS ADG, Eastern Command, BSF and team visited Petrapole Land Port in July'23.



"Yatri Subidha" portal at Petrapole Land Port was introduced in August'23.



Sh. Aditya Mishra (Chairman, LPAI) visited Petrapole Land Port in July'23.



H. Raxaul Land Port



The Raxaul land port is spread over 235 acres to accommodate over 300 vehicles and a warehouse capacity about 6,231 Cubic metre. The land port boasts dedicated lanes for streamlined processes for dirty cargo, tranship cargo and EXIM cargo along with distinct gates. Further, to reduce EXIM dwell time non-intrusive methods of inspection are being deployed such as drive-through Radiation Detection Equipment, under-vehicle scanning system.

Raxaul land Port is positioned as a vital trade link on the India-Nepal border catering to approx. 60% of Nepal's Global trade. Under its 'Neighbourhood First' policy the Government of India has allowed Nepal to export and import goods from two of India's strategic ports — Mundra Port in Gujarat and Dhamra Port in Odisha. This initiative shall further boost the role of land ports to facilitate the movement of EXIM cargo. Additionally, to improve multimodal connectivity at the land port, the possibility of development of rail siding is being evaluated.

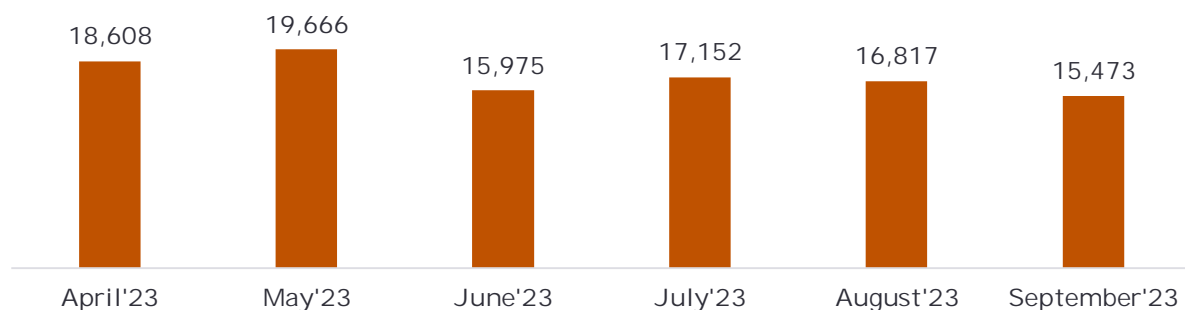
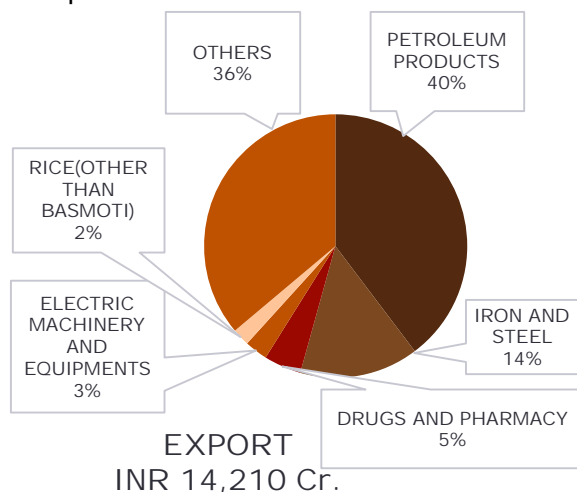
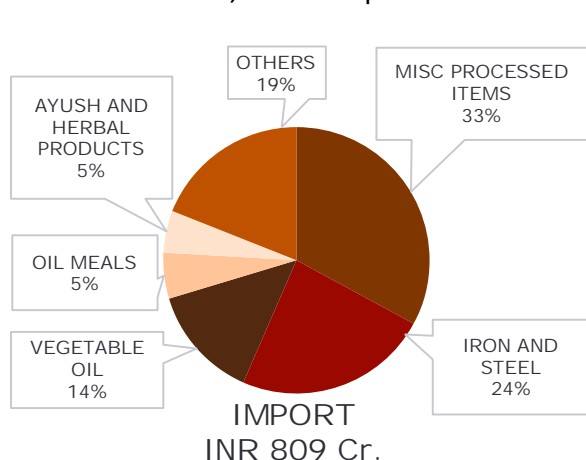


Figure 11: Vehicle movement through Raxaul Land Port

More than 1,03,000 vehicles crossed via Raxaul land port during Apr' 23-Sep'23 against 80,301 vehicle in same period previous year.

The import chart indicates that miscellaneous processed items constitute the largest import category at 33%, followed by iron and steel at 24%, and vegetable oils at 14%. For exports, petroleum products dominate overwhelmingly at 40%, with iron and steel also forming a significant portion at 14%. Drug formulations, electrical machinery, and rice (other than Basmati) each represent a minor of the exports.



Key Events at Land Port



Hindi Diwas was celebrated at Raxaul land port in September'23.



Independence Day was celebrated at Raxaul Land Port in August'23.



SSB Officers paid visit at Raxaul Land Port in June'23.



Onam was celebrated at Raxaul Land Port in August'23.



I. Rupaidiha Land Port



Land Port Rupaidiha, situated in the Bahraich district of Uttar Pradesh is the first Land Port in the state along the international border shared by India and Nepal. This strategically located port is approximately 185 kilometres away from the state capital, Lucknow.

Spread over an area of 115 acres, Rupaidiha Land Port have direct access to NH28C and Nepalgunj Railway Station. The prime location and connectivity make the land port a vital hub for trade activities. As counterpart facility in Nepal is under-development, the trade is still moving through the Land Customs Station (LCS). The major items of export through this land port are Soyabean , chicken feed and vegetables. Whereas the major items which are imported here are rock salt, herbs and dry fruits In the first half of FY 2023-24, total trade via LCS was recoded at INR 1,969 Cr of which 97% of the value was exported from India.

Key Events at Land Port



Inauguration of Land port in June'23.



Celebrated World Environment Day in June'23.



J. Srimantapur Land Port



Srimantapur Land Port emerges as a strategic trade hub facilitating cost-efficient trade between India and Bangladesh. With key stakeholders such as Customs, Bureau of Immigration, Border Security Force, and Plant Quarantine from the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, the port ensures smooth operations. The Land Port is equipped with mechanized cargo handling equipment such as loaders and Hydra cranes and handles diverse exports including cumin, ginger, wood apple, tamarind, and betel leaf while importing items like cement, steam coal, fruit drink, and more. Additionally, the port features a floating jetty on the Gomati River, enhancing inland water transport and fostering increased trade between Tripura and Bangladesh.

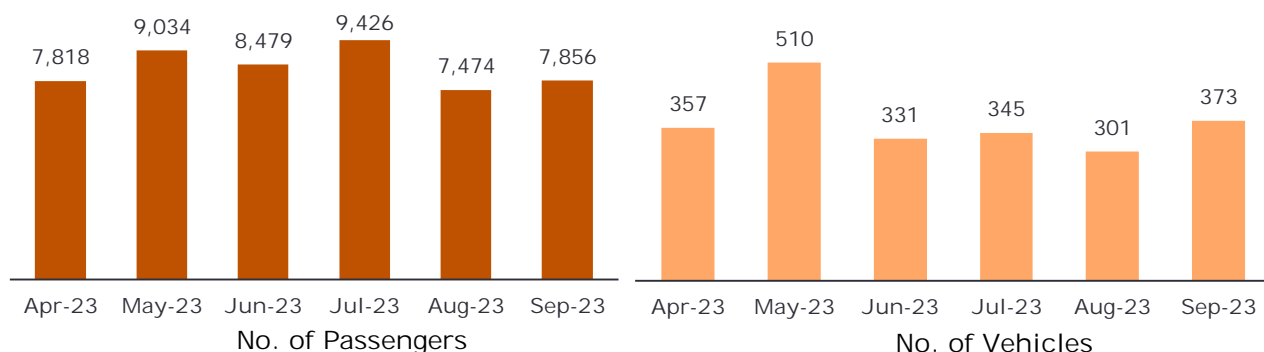
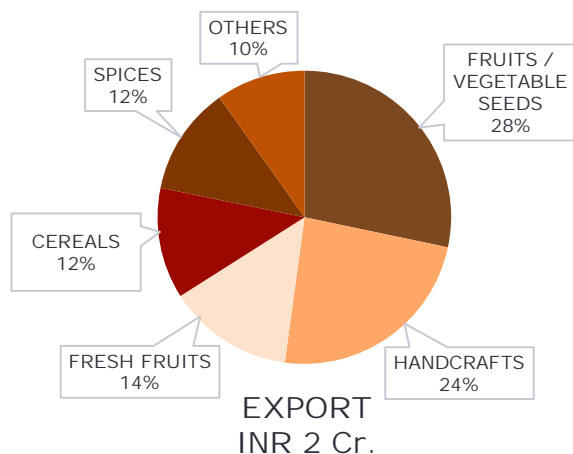
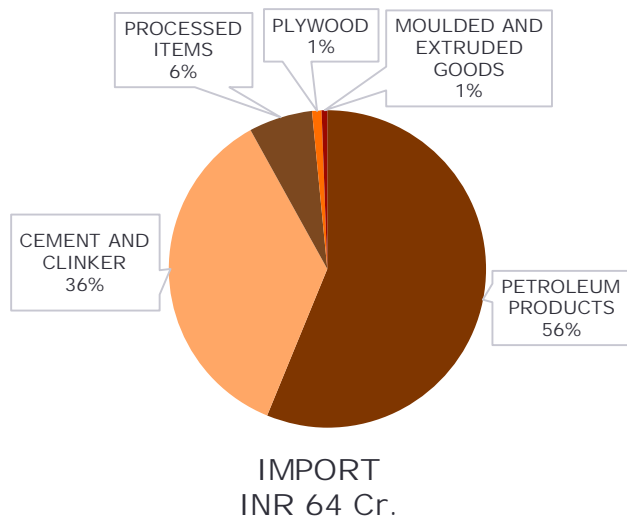


Figure 12: Passengers and vehicle movement through Srimantapur Land Port

Approximately 50,000 passengers and 2,200 vehicles crossed the border via Srimantapur land port in the first half of FY 2023-24 against 11,000 passengers and 1,600 vehicles in the first half of 2022-23

The import pie chart shows that cement, clinker, and asbestos are imported items at 36%, with petroleum products having a significant share at 56%. In exports, Fruits and Vegetable seeds are the dominant category at 28%, while handicrafts take a substantial share at 24%. Cereals and spices also contribute notably to exports at 12% each, indicating a strong export presence in agricultural and artisanal goods.



Key Events at land port



Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, the Hon'ble Finance Minister, visited Srimantapur Land Port in July'23.



Friendly volleyball match between BSF and LPAI staff at Srimantapur Land Port in September'23.



Sh Vivek Verma and Shri Bhanu Pratap Singh visited Srimantapur Land Port in July'23.



General Health & Cancer Camp was held at Srimantapur Land Port in August'23.



K. Sutarkandi Land Port



Sutarkandi Land Port stands at a strategic crossroads, enhancing trade connectivity with its unique location. Located just 3 km from the Kushiara River at Lakhi Bazar, the land port offers river connectivity, and with rail connectivity at the Mahishasan-Kalaura route, currently under development just 10 kms away, it holds promising prospects. Two national highways, NH 151 (old) and NH 7 (new), intersect at Sutarkandi. The Land port is equipped with all the necessary infrastructure for seamless operation. Further, to reduce EXIM dwell time non-intrusive methods of inspection are being deployed such as drive-through Radiation Detection Equipment, under-vehicle scanning system.

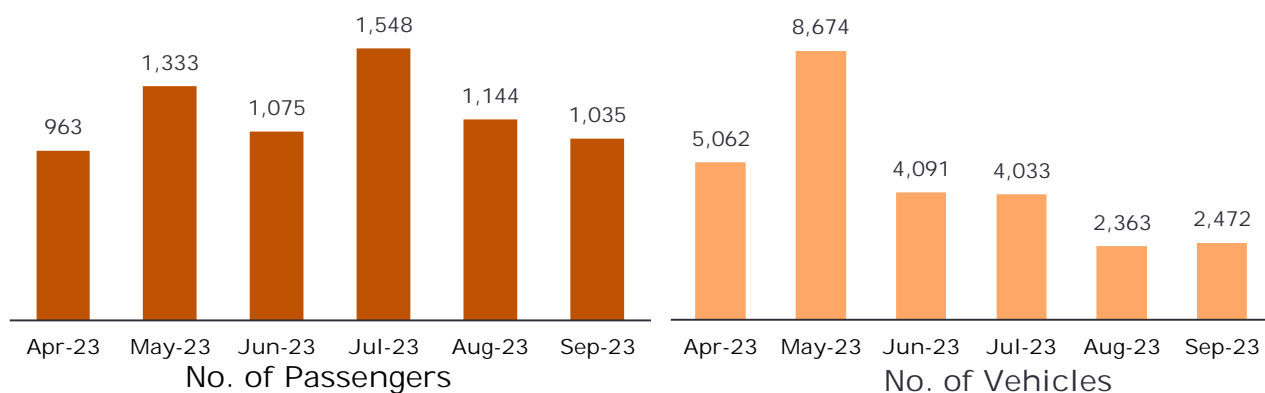
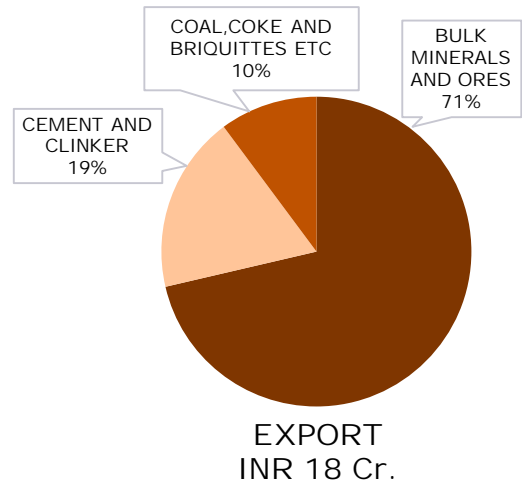
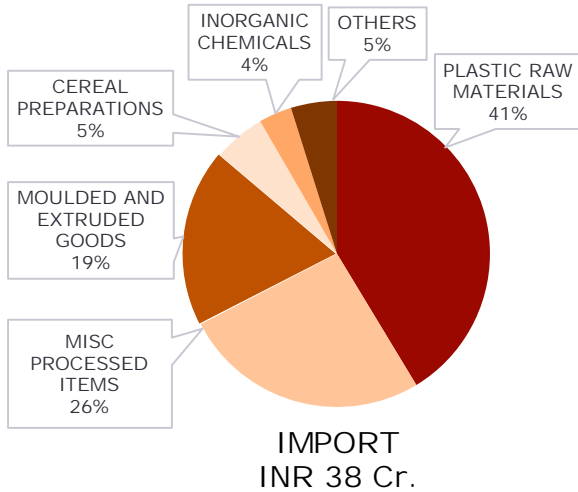


Figure 13: Passengers and vehicle movement through Sutarkandi land port

Total number of passengers and vehicles crossing the border via Sutarkandi during period from Apr'23 to Sep'23 is approx. 7,000 and 27,000 respectively.

For imports, the largest category is plastic raw materials at 41%, followed by moulded and extruded goods at 19%, processed items at 26%, cereal preparations at 5%, and inorganic chemicals at 4%. On the export side, bulk minerals and ores dominate at 71%, followed by cement, clinker, and asbestos at 19%, and coal, coke, and briquettes at 10%.



Key Events at land port



Independence day was celebrated at Sutarkandi Land Port in August'23.



LPPI staff attended a demonstration on Fire safety at Sutarkandi land port in July'23.



World Environment Day was celebrated at Sutarkandi Land Port in June'23.



Sutarkandi Land Port celebrated 4 years of completion in September'23.



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